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## Yaesu Heritage Year 2010 - GS2MP

During 2010, Jim, GMONAI, and Chris, GM3WOJ/ZL1CT, will be putting a collection of vintage Yaesu rigs on the air from Inverness in Scotland.

Precise details of the event starting in January 2010 are still being worked out - please check for the latest information on <http://www.gm7v.com/yaesu2010.htm>  
[IRTS News]

## Port Elizabeth ARS HF QSO Party

The annual PEARS HF QSO Party will be run on Sunday 6 December 2009 from 14:00 to 18:00 CAT with activity on 40 and 80 metres. See page 5 of this issue for the rules.

## Super Check Partial database

A new release of the Super Check Partial database files is now available at <http://www.supercheckpartial.com>. Calls in the MASTER.DTA file - 42 859 and calls in the MASTERTTY.DTA file - 9 076.

As always, if you would like to contribute your Cabrillo format logs for the SCP database, please send them at any time. The easiest thing to do is to cc [logs@supercheckpartial.com](mailto:logs@supercheckpartial.com) when you submit your log to the sponsor's robot after each contest.

If you want to check the version of the SCP files, you are using, look for a call beginning with "VER". Every SCP file includes the version number in the list of calls. VERYYYYMMDD. Please let me know if you find any bad calls in the files. Thanks again to all the contributors.  
73, Bob. WA1Z [bob@wa1z.net](mailto:bob@wa1z.net)

## Canadian Artist Seeks Collaboration

My name is Kapwani Kiwanga. I am a Canadian artist who works primarily with sound and video installations. I have been invited to the Netherlands as an artist-in-residence at an art centre called MU in Eindhoven. (<http://www.mu.nl>).

The Sound Project. I will transmit a message via short wave from Eindhoven, the Netherlands to territories that have a historic links with Holland, namely: Surinam, Indonesia and South Africa. Participants in these countries are asked to re-transmit the received message back to me in Eindhoven and I back to them and so on and so on. This ping-pong effect will increasingly distort the message finally resulting in an abstract artistic sound installation.

## November

ZS10WCS operated by the North West ARC

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What Is Being Transmitted? I am currently creating an original sound piece based on archives of 1940s Dutch programming found at Radio Netherlands. My sound creation will include some Morse code and sound recordings. It will not be "music" in the conventional sense. This message will not be political or offensive in nature. The duration will be approximately three minutes.

Who. I am looking for participants in Indonesia, South Africa and Surinam with the capacity to use short wave to:

- 1) Receive a transmission sent from Holland.
- 2) Record the received signal.
- 3) Re-transmit the recording to me in Holland.

When. I would like to test transmitting and receiving between Holland and overseas countries the first week of December. The final, "live" transmission is scheduled for a date during the week of 08 January 2010.

The time of day of the transmissions is yet to be determined. However, suggestions on your part as to the time when the best conditions are present to transmit in accordance to your specific situation will be considered in conjunction with the other participating countries.

How. After running tests, the working protocol will be finalised. However, at the moment I will be collaborating with a radio club associated with TU, the technical university in Eindhoven. I will be transmitting from Eindhoven on the 14 MHz band, using Upper Sideband modulation (USB, SSB) with a 2.7 kHz bandwidth.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me. Feel free to contact me with any questions of suggestions you may have.

Email: [kiwangakap@hotmail.com](mailto:kiwangakap@hotmail.com); Dutch mobile: +31 617638920; French mobile: +33 6 11 59 37 99. You can also contact me via the office at MU: + 31 (0) 40 2961663

## *DX from Africa*

Tunisia, 3V (Update). Just a reminder/update that a German team will operate from the "Radio Club Station of Tunisian Scouts" (3V8SS) in Sousse, using the special call sign 3V3S between 23 November and 2 December. Operators mentioned are Andy, DJ7IK, Jan, DJ8NK, Guenter, DJ9CB, Andreas, DL9USA and Lars, DF1LON. In addition, operators Halim and Ashraf (from the 3V8SS station) will join the German team. The team will set up and use a spiderbeam and verticals antennas. All antennas will be donated to the 3V8SS station. Look for them participating in the CQ WW DX CW Contest (28 and 29 November) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via DL9USA. A web page will be active soon at <http://www.3V3S.tk>

Botswana, A2. Just a reminder that Mike, K9NW, will be active as A25NW between 23 November and 1 December. Activity will include the CQ WW DX CW Contest. QSL via his home call sign (QRZ.com).

Morocco, CN. Stefano, IK2QEI, will be active as CN3A from Safi during the CQ WW DX CW Contest as a Single-Op entry. He states that he will possibly be a "SOAB" if the new 80 m system is ready for the contest. QSL via LoTW or via I2WIJ.





Sudan, ST. Robert, S53R, will be active as ST2KSS from Khartoum during the CQ WW DX CW Contest as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15 m) entry. QSL via ST2M or by his instructions.

Cameroon, TJ. Lionel, F5PSA, currently active as TJ3SL, will be here until around 15 December. His activity has been sporadic, but he is trying to be active daily, propagation permitting. Operations have been mainly 20 and 17 metres usually between 09:30 - 17:00 UTC. QSL via F5PSA.

Ceuta and Melilla, EA9. Petr, OK1FCJ, will be active as EA9/OL8R in the CQ WW CW contest and as EA9/OK1FCJ before the contest. He plans to setup 2 verticals, one from SP7GXP, a 40 - 10 m, the other one DF4SA Spiderbeam 18 m for 160, 80 and 40 m. It will be temporary setup, running low power only category. QSL via OK1DRQ or the bureau.

### *Special Event Stations*

The Netherlands, PB500. Look for special event station PB500GT to be active between 28 November and 13 December. The activity is to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the "Great Tower of Breda" (in Dutch Grote Toren). Operators will operate at a height of 65 m from the Great Toren. This Great Tower is located in the middle of the city. Operations will be on 80, 40, 20 and 2 metres using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL Manager is Willem, PA1WLB. For more details about the tower, see <http://www.torenbreda.nl>. Also, look under PB500GT on QRZ.com.

Denmark, 5P15. Look for special event station 5P15COP from Zealand Island (EU-029) to be active between 7 and 18 December. Activity is taking place during the big United Nations "Copenhagen Climate Change Conference" <http://www.cop15.dk>. Operators would like to "invite all radio amateurs worldwide to show their concern and care about the environment and climate, by contacting this special event station."

Operations will be on 160 - 6 metres using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via OZ5BAL, direct or by the Bureau. For more details about the project, QSL card and awards available, please visit <http://at www.5p15cop.dk>

Sudan, ST26. Look for the special call sign ST26ASC to be used between 22 and 28 January 2010. This activity coincides with the 26<sup>th</sup> Arab Scouts Conference from Khartoum, Sudan. No other details were provided. QSL Manager will be ST2M.

### *Contest Calendar*

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 23 to 30 November 2009

#### SKCC Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 25 November

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST, Name, state, province or country and SKCC No or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; Bonus Points: 5 points per Centurion member QSO per

band; Bonus Points: 10 points per Tribune member QSO per band; Bonus Points: 25 points per QSO with SKCC club call (K9SKC) per band

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 27 November 2009





E-mail log summary to: (none)  
Post log summary at:  
<http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks/sks-submit.html>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
<http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks/>

RSGB 80 m Club CW Sprint  
20:00 - 21:30 UTC 25 November  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: 100 w; 10 w  
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no and your name  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
Submit logs by: 2 December 2009  
Upload log at:  
<http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
<http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2009/rspri-nt.shtml>

NCCC Sprint  
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 27 November  
Mode: (see rules)  
Bands: (see rules)  
Classes: (none)  
Exchange: (see rules)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 29 November 2009  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Post log summary at:  
<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

CQ Worldwide DX CW Contest  
00:00 UTC 28 November to 24:00 UTC 29 November  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m  
Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, Low or High; Single Op Single Band - QRP, Low or High; Single Op Assisted All Band; Single Op Assisted Single Band; Xtreme Single Op; Multi-Single; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi; Xtreme Multi-Op  
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST and CQ Zone No  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 0 points per QSO with same country (counts as mult); 1 point per QSO with different country same continent; 2 points per QSO with different country same continent (NA); 3 points per QSO with different continent  
Multipliers: Each CQ zone once per band; Each country once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 15 January 2010  
E-mail logs to: [cw\[at\]cqww\[dot\]com](mailto:cw[at]cqww[dot]com)  
Mail logs to: CQ WW CW, CQ Magazine, 25 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, NY 11801, USA  
Find rules at:  
[http://www.cqww.com/2009\\_Rules\\_cqww.pdf](http://www.cqww.com/2009_Rules_cqww.pdf)  
and  
[http://www.cqww.com/CQ\\_WW\\_Xtreme\\_Rules.pdf](http://www.cqww.com/CQ_WW_Xtreme_Rules.pdf)

### *Next Week's Contests*

ARCI Topband Sprint, 00:00 - 06:00 UTC 3 December  
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 4 December  
ARRL 160 Metre Contest, 22:00 UTC 4 December to 16:00 UTC 6 December  
ARRL EME Contest, 00:00 UTC 5 December to 23:59 UTC 6 December  
TARA RTTY Melee, 00:00 UTC-24:00 UTC 5 December  
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint, 04:00 - 04:29 UTC; 04:30 - 04:59 UTC; 05:00 - 05:29 UTC and 05:30 - 06:00 UTC 5 December







TOPS Activity Contest, 16:00 UTC 5 December to 17:59 UTC 6 December  
ARS Spartan Sprint, 02:00 - 04:00 UTC 8 December

## The Pears HF QSO Party

Aim. For DX operators and South African stations make as many contacts with other South African stations on HF as possible.

Contest Period. The first Sunday in December, the contest runs from 12:00 UTC to 16:00 UTC (14:00 to 18:00 CAT) [6 December 2009]

Modes and Frequencies. The mode is SSB only. The following frequencies shall be used: 3,603 to 3,650 and 3,700 to 3,800 MHz; 7,060 to 7,100 and 7,130 to 7,200 MHz

Entrance Categories. There are four entrance categories:

Novice - Stations in South Africa with ZU prefixes.

Restricted - Stations in South Africa with ZR prefixes.

Unlimited - Stations in South Africa with ZS prefixes

DX - stations outside of South Africa.

Station Requirements. There are no limitations on the power of stations, or the number of operators, or the location of station equipment except that all operators shall operate within the limits of their licenses at all times.

### Points

A contact between two ZU stations scores 5 points

A contact between two ZR stations scores 2 points.

A contact between a ZU station and a ZR/ZS station scores 3 points

A contact between a ZS station and a ZR/ZS station scores 1 point.

A contact between a ZU station and a DX station scores 5 points.

A contact between a ZR/ZS station and a DX station scores 1 point.

Only one contact with each station on each band counts. Points can be claimed for multiple contacts with the same station on different bands.

Exchange. Call signs, signal report and the operator's name

Awards. DX - An award will be made to the top entrant. Novice, Restricted and Unlimited - An award will be made to the top 2 entrants in each category.

Logs. Logs can be sent via snail-mail to: PEARS QSO Party, PO Box 5277, Walmer, 6070, Republic of South Africa or via email to [contest@zs2pe.co.za](mailto:contest@zs2pe.co.za). Closing date for submission of logs is 31 December. No late submissions will be considered. Results will be announced via the PEARS website and HF Happenings by the third weekend of January.

Closing date for log submission: 31 December 2009.

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